Opening a road from Quilon to Mukhattala.

425. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the work of opening a road from Quilon to Mukhattala has been stopped now (12-6-1104) after finishing a portion near Pattattanam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was proposed to take up the road in three sections, one after another. The Government had sanctioned an estimate only for the first section. In January 1929, administrative sanction was accorded to the taking up of the other two sections also. The estimate for the portion of the road from Pattattanam to Mukhattala is under preparation in the Division Office, and the work will be taken up after the estimate is sanctioned and funds allotted.

Conservancy station at Ankamali.

426. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any suggestion has been received by them or the Sanitary Commissioner from anybody for the conversion of the present minor conservancy station at Ankamali into a major one; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Sanitary Commissioner has reported that he has received a petition from the inhabitants of Ankamali for the conversion of the minor conservancy station at Ankamali into a major station.

(*b*) The recommendation received from the Sanitary Commissioner on the matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Rent for occupying camp-sheds.

427. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle on which the officers of the Public Works Department alone are exempted from the payment of rent when they occupy camp-sheds in Travancore, while the officers of other departments are being charged for occupying the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to page 304 of the *Travancore Almanac and Directory* for 1929, containing the rules for the occupation of camp-sheds in the State. The assumption that the officers of the Public Works Department are exempt from payment of rent for occupying camp-sheds in the State is incorrect.

Public Works for the benefit of depressed classes.

428. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties felt by the members of the depressed classes in their being asked to do the major portion of the work connected with the construction of roads and sinking of wells; and

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(*b*) whether they are aware of the difficulties and sufferings that this policy entails upon the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In the matter of opening roads, the *cheri* people are asked only to do the earth work and in the case of wells, to contribute some share of the cost, the Government contributing 75 per cent. of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 100 for each well. It is not therefore correct to say that the major portion of the work devolves on the depressed classes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): டிப்ரஸ்டு கிளாஸ் அல்லாத மற்ற வகுப்பினருக்கும் ரோடு செய்யவேண்டிவந்தால் அவர்கள் தான் செய்ய வேண்டுமா?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are no roads made for the several communities as communities. The roads are made for the general public.

MR. K. MADHAVAH (*Nominated*): டிப்ரஸ்டு கிளாஸல்லாத மற்றவர்கள் கிணறுகள் செய்துதீர்க்க 75% தான் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No wells or roads are made for any particular community except perhaps for the depressed classes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): வெள்ளாளர், மடிவெளி முதலிய இடங்களிலிருக்கிற பரிக்குளர் கம்யூனிட்டிக்காக செய்துகொடுத்ததற்கு இந்த 75% தான் கொடுக்கப்பட்டதோ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice as I have no information.

Women health officers for villages of the depressed classes.

429. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether women Health Officers are appointed to attend to the confinement cases in the villages of the depressed classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by Heads of Departments.

430. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the appointments made by all the departmental heads during the last five years (1099 to 1103)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the information as the time and labour involved in their collection would be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

Transfer of Deputy Surgeons.

431. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any provisions to the effect that Deputy Surgeons should be transferred only with the sanction of the Government?

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